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1. System for distributing and selecting audio and video information on a coaxial cable network comprising in association jukebox unit (1) connected by modulator (9) to this cable television distribution network, characterized in that it includes a channel allocated for the transmission of audio or video information;

means (T1, 83) for interacting with the television for the remote selection of at least one audio or video information item from the plurality of information items to be transmitted over the cable network by this channel;

means for identifying the selection means or the television set connected to the selection means;

user billing means linked to a television set for the selections made.

2. System for distributing and selecting audio and video information according to claim 1, wherein the selection means are composed of telephone network (T1) and associated exchange (10) of the PABX type which delivers to interface (8) of the jukebox voice frequency signals used by interface software incorporated into jukebox (1) to interpret the pushing of buttons on telephone set (T1) as mouse events affecting movement of a marker on screen windows for guiding the user, said signals also containing identification information.

3. System for distributing and selecting audio and video information according to claim 1 or 2, wherein voice assistance means guide the user in pushing the buttons of telephone set (T1).

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4. System for distributing and selecting audio and video information according to claim 1, wherein the selection means are comprised of control means (83) connected by the electrical network to appropriate interface (81) of the jukebox, said interface and selection means both operating on the principle of carriers to transmit a piece of identification information and control data corresponding to the pushing of control buttons.

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5. System for distributing and selecting audio and video information according to one of claims 1 ~~through 3~~, wherein the jukebox has mass memory means (21), a main processor operating a multitask system, video controller circuit (7) belonging to the cable network, said video controller circuit and audio controller card (5) being connected to radio frequency modulator (9) and output/input interface (8) for the remote selection means.

6. System for distributing and selecting audio and video information according to claim 5, wherein the jukebox has touch screen (33) and interface (153) specific to the touch screen, audio controller circuit (5) and video controller circuit (6) of a display device belonging to the jukebox.

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7. System for distributing and selecting audio and video information according to claims 5 ~~or 6~~, wherein jukebox (1) has money changing means (35).

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8. System for distributing and selecting audio and video information according to one of claims 5, ~~through 7~~, wherein the billing means use a database of the jukebox which links the

selected title to the selection cost and delivers to a billing system a user identifier and the amount to be billed to him.

a 9. System for distributing and selecting audio and video information according to ^{claim 1} ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the television screen enables display of a title selection menu allowing selections to be chosen either by direct access to the title or the performer, or by category and selection from a list of the category.

10. Method for using a system for distributing and selecting audio and video information comprised of a television cable distribution network connected via an RF modulator and an audio controller card and a video controller card to a jukebox unit, said jukebox unit being in turn connected to another network, either by telephone or electrically, by an interface, wherein said method includes the following stages:

- sending of an identifier of the premises linked to the television set either by telephone line or by remote control;
- a stage of selection of audio or video information to be executed on the network by use of a keyboard and an interface which interprets pushing of the keys as cursor movements;
- a stage wherein the order of selection and execution of the audio or video information is queued on the jukebox;
- a stage wherein this information is sent over the cable network;
- a stage wherein once the selection has been validated, information relating to user identification and selection cost is sent to a billing system.

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